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Title of invention FREE PISTON DEVICE WITH TIME VARYING CLEARANCE SEAL

1. Cancel Claims: _____

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CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT						
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Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	<u>0</u>	x <u>86</u> = <u>0</u>	0	102	
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- a. Filing Fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16
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2. Specification Total Pages: 13
3. Informal Formal drawings. Total Sheets: 3
4. a. New Declaration (Signed) X (Unsigned) _____
b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. §(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

5. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)
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6. Microfiche.
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8. An Assignment transmittal letter and document or Assignment in parent case was recorded _____ Reel, Frame(s) _____.
9. A Power of Attorney executed by the Inventor(s), Assignee (with 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement)
10. English Translation.
11. An Information Disclosure Statement.
 A list of references (Form PTO-1449).
 Copies of references.
12. Preliminary Amendment.
13. Postcards.
14. Other (specify).

15. Prior application information: Examiner _____ Group Art Unit _____

16. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 120:
 The benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 is hereby claimed from the United States application(s) Serial No. _____ filed _____.

17. Claim for Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 119:
 The benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed from the following foreign application(s):
 Certified copy of Priority Document(s).

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